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SUBJECT: GOC REACTION TO PRESIDENTIAL TURNOVER

1. SANTIAGO PRESS AUGUST 10 REPORTED MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL PINOCHET TO PRESIDENT FORD (SEPTTEL), STATEMENT OF JUNTA SECRETARY GENERAL COLONEL EWING, AND REMARKS FROM REGULAR FRIDAY PRESS CONFERENCE OF UNDER SECRETARY FOR AFFAIRS CAPTAIN COLLADOS.

2. EWING EMPHASIZED THAT "ONLY BY ITS CONSEQUENCES CAN ONE DEDUCE THAT US IS PASSING THROUGH DELICATE MOMENT, BUT AT SAME TIME ONE HOPES THAT CIRCUMSTANCE BE SURPASSED IN SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE AND ALSO THAT NEW PRESIDENT GERALD FORD WILL HAVE MUCH SUCCESS IN LEADING THE COUNTRY." CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT "THIS SCANDAL OF WORLD LEVEL" WILL LEAD TO STRENGTHENING OF TRADITIONAL US DEMOCRATIC POLICY.

3. COLLADOS BEGAN WITH WORDS OF PRAISE FOR STRENGTH OF US INSTITUTIONS, LAID RESIGNATION TO CONFLICT BETWEEN "REPRESENTATIVE OF EXECUTIVE AND OPINION, APPARENTLY MAJORITY, OF CONGRESS." SAIC ACCESSION OF PRESIDENT FORD WOULD NOT INFLUENCE, AT LEAST IN FIRST MOMENTS, US FOREIGN POLICY. CONTINUATION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN OFFICE SHOWED THAT GENERAL PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN POLICY ARE NOT ALWAYS SUBJECT TO "FLUCTUATIONS" OF
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DOMESTIC POLITICS; KISSINGER'S CONTINUATION ALSO MEANT

"CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN RELATIONS" OF US.

4. COMMENT: GOC HAS BEEN CAREFUL IN ITS STATEMENTS ON US
TURNOVER. "SCANDAL OF WORLD LEVEL" IS STRONGEST WORDS WE HAVE
SEEN. BOTH GOC SPOKESMEN EMPHASIZED PRESIDENTIAL TURNOVER IS
STRICTLY INTERNAL US MATTER.
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